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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned YOUICHI ANDO, ET AL. Group Art Unit: 2879 Application No.: 09/722,454 Filed: November 28, 2000 METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ELECTRON BEAM DEVICE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING) IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, ELECTRON BEAM DEVICE AND) IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS MANUFACTURED THOSE MANUFACTURING METHODS, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING ELECTRON SOURCE AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING IMAGE May 17, 2001 FORMING APPARATUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English_document_is_found_on_the_specification_where_it_

is cited and as follows. A spark discharge is said to be affected by a surface condition in a highly evacuated space. To increase spark discharge therefore, the spark discharge is affected on a highly evacuated space.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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